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Hon. Thomas P. Greisa United States District Judge United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007



Re: United States v. Vickie Wright
No. 07 Cr. 239 (TPG)
Request for Waiver of Restitution Interest

Dear Judge Greisa:

On November 29, 2007, the Court sentenced Ms. Wright to, inter alia, \$51,682.16 in restitution. At the time, I neglected to request that the Court waive the interest on that amount. See 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f) (interest accrues on restitution amounts that exceed \$2,500, unless the Court finds that the "defendant does not have the ability to pay interest" and waives it).

As indicated in the presentence report, Ms. Wright clearly lacks the ability to pay interest on the restitution order and, given the modest payment schedule set by the Court, it is likely that, if the interest is not waived, the interest on the balance will exceed the amount she repays. Thus, the restitution balance will grow, instead of decreasing, over time.

Accordingly, the Court should waive the interest on the restitution in this case.

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